

**In The High Court for the States of Punjab and Haryana
At Chandigarh**

CRM-M-13131-2019 (O&M)

Date of Decision:-25.3.2019

Manpreet Kaur and another

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Narender Singh Kamboj, Advocate for the petitioners.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J.(Oral)

The petitioners have approached this Court seeking protection to their life and liberty as they apprehend threat to the same at the instance of respondents No.4 to 6, who are parents and brother of petitioner No.1 Manpreet Kaur. While petitioner No.1 Manpreet Kaur aged 26 years is stated to be legally divorced from her earlier husband, petitioner No.2 Lakhvinder Singh, who was also married earlier, is stated to be residing separately pursuant to an agreement dated 16.2.2019 (Annexure P-8) amongst petitioner No.2 and her earlier wife namely Manju Bala.

It is specifically averred in the petition that petitioners No.1 and 2 have now solemnized marriage but are apprehending threat to their life and liberty at the hands of respondents No.4 to 6.

Without commenting upon the validity of the aforesaid marriage, it goes without saying that the petitioners do have a right to live safely and securely and cannot be allowed to be harmed. As such, the petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 Senior

Superintendent of Police, District SAS Nagar Mohali to look into the representation dated 14.3.2019 (Annexure P-6) moved by the petitioners seeking protection. In case it is found that there is genuine apprehension of threat to life and liberty of the petitioners, then it be ensured that no harm is caused to the petitioners.

It is, however, made clear that the aforesaid direction shall not be taken to be any expression as regards the validity of the marriage and will not confer any immunity upon the petitioners, in case it is found that they are liable for having committed any offence/wrong.

The petition stands disposed of with the aforesaid directions.

25.3.2019

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(Gurvinder Singh Gill)
Judge

Whether speaking /reasoned

Yes / No

Whether Reportable

Yes / No